

REMARKS

Claims 1–14 are currently pending in the application. Claims 2-14 have previously been allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended to reflect the form which has been allowed in a corresponding application in the United Kingdom. Claim 1, as amended, and substantially incorporates the “successively encrypting” step which is set forth in claim 2, which is allowed. The references of record do not show or suggest successively encrypting by the client’s network address with the public keys of the k selected agents to obtain an encrypted address to render the network address unreadable to any individual FA.

In view of the above, claim 1 should now be allowed, and the Examiner is requested to forward a notice of allowance for claims 1-14 at an early date.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson).

Respectfully submitted,



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